facts which he knows and not as regards facts which he thinks to be true? Therefore, let us have a definite answer whether these people are included in the list of Scheduled Castes or not."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"I now understand that they are classed among the backward communities."

Tamil Nad Village Officials' demands.

* 1842 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the details of the concessions given by the Government on the demands raised by the village officials of Tamil Nad in their representation made recently to the Chief Minister and to His Excellency the Governor of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU:—"A statement* showing the various requests made by the Village Officers' Associations and the action taken thereon is placed on the table of the House."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI:—"What was the basis on which the requests for increase of salaries and other concessions were refused? Are they not expected to maintain their families in these days as their job is a wholetime job?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU:—"The basis is two-fold. One is that they are not full-time servants. They are both non-officials and officials, secondly as regards increase of salaries, it entails very heavy financial commitment."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:—"மூன்றாவது தீர்மானத்தில் கொடுத்திருப்பது அதாவது கிராம உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் சர்க்கார் அலுவல்கள் காரணமாக வெளியிடங்களுக்குப் போக வேண்டியிருந்தாலும் அதற்குக்கூட படி வேண்டுமென்று கேட்கக்கூடிய கோரிக்கை நிராகரிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று இந்த ஸ்டேட்மெண்டில் குறிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. சர்க்கார் அலுவல்கள் காரணமாக அவர்கள் போவதற்குக்கூட அவர்கள் சொந்தப் பணத்தையே செலவு செய்து கொண்டுபோக வேண்டுமென்று சர்க்கார் கருதுகிறார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU:—"The Government have passed orders recently granting them travelling allowance in certain cases where they go from their village to the headquarters."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI:—"கிராம உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் தாங்களே முழுநேர ஊழியர்களா அல்லது பகுகிநேர ஊழியர்களா என்று கேட்க ஆசைப்படுகிறார்கள். இப்போது மந்திரி அவர்கள் 'அவர்கள் முழுநேர ஊழியர்களும் அல்ல; பகுகிநேர ஊழியர்களும் அல்ல' என்றார்கள். பகுதிநேர ஊழியர்கள் என்றால் அவர்களுக்கு பல வேலைகள் பெருகிக் கொண்டே போகின்றன. சமுதாயம் முன்னேற வேண்டுமென்ற காரணத்திற்காக அவர்களுக்கு வேலை அதிகமாக இருந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது. ஆதலால் அரசாங்கத்தார் அவர்கள் முழுநேர ஊழியர்களா அல்லது பகுதிநேர ஊழியர்களா என்று நிர்ணயித்துக் கூறமுடியுமா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

* Printed as Appendix I on page 167–168 infra.

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" அப்படிக் கூற முடியும். அதற்கு இன்னும் கொஞ்ச நாள் ஆகும்."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" No dearness allowance has been given to them since the year 1919. This modest request for dearness allowance too has been negatived now. But the reasons have not been furnished in the statement placed on the table of the House. May I know for what reason these officers were not being given any dearness allowance whatsoever?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I think dearness allowance is given to full-time workers whether Government servants or otherwise."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" The Government have decided not to give travelling allowance to these Government officers. Sometimes the Government officials are asking these village officers to meet them in their headquarters. Sometimes if the village officers do not meet them as instructed, they are taken to task. Since travelling allowance is not given now, will the Government relax the rules in cases where they meet the Government officials on request as it is made obligatory on their part to meet them?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Of late, travelling allowance is being given in some cases. There may be so many instances where the village officers are called in. It may sometimes be of a short distance. All those questions cannot be mixed up."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Arising from the answer given by the Hon. Minister, the village officers' position is not at all clear. They are neither full-time servants nor part-time servants. The Indian Penal Code says that for practical purposes they are public servants. That means that they are full-time Government servants. For the purpose of dearness allowance, the Hon. Minister says, they are not full-time Government servants. There is this contradiction. So, will the Government take this aspect into consideration and announce whether the village officers are full-time Government servants or not?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The Government are considering that question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that one of the reasons why increased pay was not granted is the large financial implication involved. Now, the Government have been pleased to grant increased pay and allowance to private aided elementary school teachers who form many times the number of village officials. May I know why the Government are not granting the same concession to these people who form a far lesser number than the elementary school teachers?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The only answer I can give is that all things cannot be tackled at the same time."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" கிராம உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் சில ஜில்லாக்களில் பரம்பரை பாத்தியதை முறையில் நியமனம் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். சில ஜில்லாக்களில் பரம்பரை பாத்தியதை முறையிலில்லை. இந்த பரம்பரை பாத்தியதை முறையை மாற்றி எல்லா ஜில்லாக்களிலும் ஒரே மாதிரியாக நியமனம் செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது திட்டமிட்டிருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There are two points of view on this question. Some want to extend the hereditary system. There are others who want to abolish it. So, it will naturally take some time to go into the question more deeply and come to a conclusion."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Since in the eyes of the villagers the village officers combine the entire authority of the Governments of India and Madras State, will this Government consider, while granting such concessions, the question of subjecting them also to transfers like every other officer of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Now, it has been represented that their salary is meagre. In addition to that difficulty, if I accept the hon. Member's suggestion, they will be put to greater hardship."

11-20 a.m. SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Sir, is there not a proposal pending before the Government for re-organizing the whole cadre and devising new methods for appointing village headmen by putting an end to the hereditary and other systems that are in vogue to-day so as to bring them in line with other Government servants and make them full-fledged Government servants? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, this question forms part of the Land Reform subject and so it will be taken note of then."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Apart from the question of financial considerations, will the Government please realize that such ridiculously low salaries and denial of even travelling allowances when they travel on Government business is nothing more than an invitation and encouragement to corruption on the part of village officials and that therefore the problem of checking corruption among these officials is inextricably bound up with the amount of salaries paid to these officials and that it should be remedied from the point of view of the better administration of the country? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, this problem can be solved satisfactorily, only when the question whether they are full-time or part-time Government servants is settled. As regards the allowances for journeys made by them, I have already stated that in certain cases Government have now come forward to give the travelling allowances. As regards granting them travelling allowances in all other cases, that will also be looked into."

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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" About the hereditary nature of the village officers, the Hon. Minister said that certain people did not like it and certain others wanted it. It is not a question of people demanding it or not. The Constitution says that there should not be hereditary nature about fundamental rights. So, there cannot be this hereditary system of appointing village officials. Will the Government realize this and rectify the defect in the present system? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I have already stated, Sir, that certain recommendations have been made with regard to this by the Land Reforms Committee and they have been considered. When the appropriate instalment of Land Reforms comes up before the House this will also perhaps find a place."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, the estate karnams are taken into service only after their passing the survey training and as such where is the necessity to ask them to undergo training once again? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Now orders have been passed that they will not be required to have re-training. Only in cases where it is absolutely necessary, it will be prescribed. It won't be insisted upon as a matter of course as it was done till now."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Is the huge financial commitment the only reason for not giving the village officers a rise in the salary? Will not the Government be pleased to give them at least the medical and educational concessions now given to other non-gazetted officers? I am sure the financial commitment in this respect will be much less."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, this also forms part of the larger question of tackling the problem of village officers."

Extension of electricity to Gingee taluk.

* 1843 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether since questions Nos. 43 and 511 were answered on 4th March and 5th May 1954, respectively, any arrangements have been made for extending electrical power to Gingee taluk?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The major scheme for extension of supply to Gingee, Avalurpet, Kapalambadi and Melmalayanur villages in Gingee taluk is programmed for execution early in 1955–56 and further extensions in the taluk will be feasible only after the completion of the scheme."